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## A LIQUOR TRUST.

Sixty Million Dollars to Buy Breweries and Distilleries.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—One of the largest trusts ever formed in this country was completed yesterday, when the American Malt Company agreed to put up \$60,000,000 with which to purchase the leading breweries of the country. Plans are also being perfected to embrace in the same deal the purchase of all the leading distilleries, excepting the American Spirits Manufacturing Company, which is the old Greenhut trust.

The matter is in the hands of Attorneys Rubens and Mott. Harry Rubens is now in New York putting the finishing touches to the matter. There is, according to a report, going to be a great shaking-up among the officers of the malt company, and many changes are scheduled.

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## HOPE FOR DURRANT.

Judge Merriman is Convinced of His Innocence.

HE BELIEVES BLANTHER'S STORY AND DECLARES THAT IF DURRANT IS HANGED IT WILL BE JUDICIAL MURDER—GIVES HIS REASONS FOR BELIEVING THE CONFESSION OF BLANTHER.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 11.—Judge E. M. Merriman, of Little Rock, who was personally acquainted with and once represented J. E. Blanthier alias Forbes, as attorney, in this city, insists that Blanthier and not Durrant murdered Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, in San Francisco, and that the execution of Durrant will, therefore, be a judicial murder. A few days ago the story was sent out from Atlanta Ga., that Blanthier was in that city at the time the girls were murdered. Judge Merriman scouts this idea, and yesterday made the following statement:

"Since the publication of the card through the Associated Press, in which I stated that I believed in the innocence of Theodore Durrant and the guilt of Blanthier, alias Forbes, I have received many communications supporting either side of the question. Now, as the supreme court of California has refused to interfere and Durrant must hang, and still having an abiding faith in his innocence, I feel that the public ought to have an insight into the facts that have arrayed themselves before me and convinced me that a judicial murder is about to be committed.

"First. There can be no question but that the written confession in the handwriting of 'Blanthier,' for no other has been made to contradict this presumption, and examination by experts has established it.

"Second. Blanthier confesses that he murdered Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams.

"Third. The entire evidence in the conviction of Durrant has been circumstantial, and the only possible statement that has ever been made on the case is Blanthier's confession that he and not Durrant did the deed for which Durrant's young life is about to be forfeited.

"Fourth. Blanthier being once dead, my lips may reveal the fact that he had told me during his troubles here that the name of Forbes was but an alias that he had assumed for reasons best known to himself, and that his life had been an eventful one." This, coupled with the statement of his second wife, Agnes Cameron, in public print, convinces me that he spoke the truth.

"Fifth. The trial of Durrant seems to have been a forced one by some power behind the scenes, the prosecuting attorney being notably bitter in the conduct of the same, and yet failing to establish a single fact by direct and positive proof.

"Sixth. The theory of the State that Blanche Lamont was murdered on the night of April 3, 1895, is, and has been throughout the whole trial, an unwarranted assumption, for if Blanthier's confession be true, as well as assume that she was murdered at the same time Minnie Williams was, on the night of April 12, 1895, or, perhaps, the night previous. There is no proof that the girls were murdered in the Emmanuel Church, and a more reasonable assumption would be that they were murdered elsewhere and their bodies carried to the church as 'part of the programme.'

"Seventh. As to the Atlanta dispatch that Blanthier was seen in that city between the 12th and 15th of April, 1895. This may be all true, and he may have had all arranged for his purchasing agency to believe that, but does anybody know, or has anybody ever ventured to say, when he left Atlanta? Ten days intervened between April 12 and 23, at which latter date Minnie Williams' body was discovered. Within that period of time Blanthier might have been seen in Atlanta, and also have been in San Francisco to do his bloody work, and even had a day or two to spare, if he was working under a preconceived plan, and stimulated by a reward for prompt and immediate action, as has been intimated by a man named Austin.

"Eighth. The theory of the State without anything upon which to base it, is that one of the girls was killed on April 3, the other on April 13. Blanthier says he killed them both at the same time, which is a more reasonable presumption when the whole case is founded upon presumption alone.

"If Blanthier was in Atlanta at the time indicated, he probably went there with a perfect plan to return at once to San Francisco as soon as he had established the premises upon which to base an alibi, following the advice of somebody in whose employ he was to consummate this dastardly deed. He could have left Atlanta on the 4th or 5th, and had been in San Francisco in time to murder the two girls.

"Finally, it is very dangerous to take a man's life on circumstantial evidence alone.

"Agnes Cameron Forbes says she can prove that Blanthier murdered the girls. Blanthier, with death staring him in the face, standing on the brink of eternity, said Durrant was innocent and he was guilty.

"Surrounding circumstances tending to establish the truth of Blanthier's confession with these facts before it, how can any court avoid the doctrine of reasonable doubt and refuse an appeal in the interest of justice, humanity, and right? If, after an investigation, all this should prove fallacious, then Durrant's life could pay the penalty and the public would feel better satisfied that a judicial murder had not been committed."

### THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Virginia: Fair and cooler; winds shifting to northwest.

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### SUSPENDED FOR 60 DAYS.

The Delinquent Land Tax Bill Now Goes to the Governor.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—The senate to-day passed the house bill suspending the operation of the delinquent land tax law for sixty days, and the governor will be asked to sign the same on Monday.

### THE BIRD LAW.

The governor has declined to sign the bill to repeal the bird law, but will allow it to become a law without his signature. The bill will become effective on next Tuesday.

### STUBBS HUMILIATED.

The history committee of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans, sitting in the Stubbs case, reported to-night. The report calls for the resignation of Mr. Stubbs as grand commander and as a member of the history committee. Late to-night Commander Stubbs issued a red-hot letter, in which he refused to resign either position.

### THE AGE OF PROGRESS.

An Illinois Inventor Claims to Do Wonderful Things.

Moline, Ill., Dec. 11.—An invention which aids fast to revolutionize the fuel, light and garbage questions was made public by the inventor, Charles W. Smith. He claims that from a single ton of soft coal he can obtain 1,300 pounds of hard coal, 300 pounds of tar and from 6,000 to 9,000 feet of illuminating gas, besides ammonia, etc. In addition to this he claims that the apparatus is a practical garbage consumer, converting the garbage into hard coal, gas, ammonia, etc.

### DORA'S MIND CHANGES.

She Decides to Return to Her Loving Husband This Week.

Valley View, Ky., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Dora Richardson Clay, the child wife of aged Gen. Cassius Clay, made the following statement to-day:

"I came here about three weeks ago on a visit to my brother. Peritonitis developed as the result of a fall from my horse, and I have been ill for about ten days. I am now about well and I will return to Mr. Clay on Thursday next. I love him well enough to live with him the rest of my life."

### THE BRUTALITY ENDED.

Miller Won the Great Race After Riding 2,091 Miles.

New York, Dec. 11.—The great bicycle race ended at 8:15 to-night. At 7:45 the leader, Miller, dismounted and walked unsteadily to his quarters. He was calm and looked triumphant and happy.

Rice, who finished second dismounted immediately after Miller, declaring that he was satisfied with second place.

Schinnerer also dismounted at the same time, being sure of third place.

Hale rode to the last minute and finished in the fourth place. The garden echoed with cheers for Miller, the victor.

The official score stood: Miller, 2,091 miles; Rice, 2,025 miles; Schinnerer, 2,000 miles; Hale, 1,912 miles.

Miller was about 225 miles above the world's record.

### PROF. BELL WILL MARRY.

Although 70 Years Old He Will Wed a Widow 50 Years of Age.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 11.—It was announced here to-day that Prof. Graham Bell, of Washington, aged 70 years, father of Alexander G. Bell, the inventor of the telephone, will marry Mrs. Shibley, aged 50, widow of the late John Shibley, of Harrowsmith, this county, in New York, January 5.

### WATCHING HIS MOTHER.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Durrant's mother was a visitor at San Quentin prison to-day. Durrant boasted yesterday that he would never hang. An extra watch is kept over him when his mother visits him. She is not allowed closer than five feet, to avoid any poison being passed.

### DYING FROM ANTHRAX.

Altosna, Pa., Dec. 11. Lewis Schlangenshite, of Proctor, Lycoming county, is dying from anthrax. It is now certain that the disease was contracted from hides which came from China. All the tanneries in Lycoming county have been compelled to shut down, as the tanners are afraid of contracting the disease. Two deaths have resulted from it in the last month.

### WILL KEEP OPEN EVERY NIGHT.

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### BRYAN IN MEXICO.

Enthusiastic Welcome to the Champion of Silver.

Monterey, Mex., Dec. 11.—William J. Bryan and his party arrived here last night and were welcomed by Gen. Reyes, Mayor Sambrano, and a great crowd of people.

The party consists of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. John Tomlinson, of Birmingham, Ala.; Hugo Grisenbeck, of San Antonio; Gov. Crittenden and his son, William.

To-day the party were entertained at the residence of the governor. They inspected the great silver and lead smelters and many other important industries, after which historic points were visited. The city is in holiday attire.

Gen. Reyes, governor of Nuevo Leon, made an address of welcome, which was responded to by Mr. Bryan. The band then played the national hymn, which is considered a rare compliment to a foreigner, and the big crowd enthusiastically cheered, "Viva Bryan! Viva Plata" (silver).

People went out in vast numbers to-night; there is music on all the plazas, and the electric light display is gorgeously. A reception at the Casino was the climax of a welcome which has astonished the guest of honor, who had intended to make a quiet and unostentatious visit to this country.

### LAND-GRABBER SUSTAINED.

An Important Decision in the Circuit Court of Wise County.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 11.—A case that will be of interest throughout Virginia was decided by Judge Miller, of the circuit court at Wise, Va., yesterday. It was the case of the Virginia Coal Company against John D. Thomas.

Under the delinquent tax law, the defendant paid the back taxes on a valuable tract of coal land at Coeburn, Va., and the clerk made him a deed to the property. The plaintiff had formerly purchased the property of Hamilton Greer, not knowing it was delinquent. Suit was brought to recover the property from the defendant.

Judge Miller sustained the defendant's deed, dismissing the plaintiff's bill.

### THE CASE POSTPONED.

The case of Brooke vs. Turner, which was to have come up in the court of appeals at Richmond on Friday, was postponed on account of the absence of two of the judges. From a letter to Messrs. Scott & Staples, attorneys for Clerk Brooke, it was learned that the case would be placed on the special docket for January and would be heard early in the month.

XMAS HERALDS and Worlds to-day at Jack's.

### A HORRIBLE DEATH.

Danbury Conn., Dec. 11.—Michael Neary, a laborer, while working at the bottom of a twenty-five foot sewer on Montgomery street to-day, met a most terrible death. The walls of the sewer caved in, burying him alive. He was dug out about an hour later, dead.

### WILL BE RECONCILED.

New York, Dec. 11.—Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army, will meet his son, Ballington Booth, commander of the American Volunteers, here next month for the purpose of a reconciliation. The commander emphatically denies that any consolidation will be effected.

### WOMEN FOR SALE.

New York, Dec. 11.—C. Carrington is going throughout this State securing women to go to Dawson City, where they will be sold to the miners making the highest bids. He declares that he has secured a number of women in Auburn who are willing to go upon these conditions.

### A SAD MYSTERY.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 11.—Hunters near here to-day found the dead body of a beautiful white girl, aged about 17 years, in the corner of a field. There were no marks of violence on the body. She had a handsome solitary diamond ring on the little finger of the left hand. The hair was long, brown and soft. The face showed great refinement.

### FITCH IS SICK.

New York, Dec. 11.—Comptroller Ashabel P. Fitch was unable to attend the meeting of the board of estimates to-day. Word was sent down that he was sick and would be unable to leave his house for several days.

### RIVERA SET AT LIBERTY.

Havana, Dec. 11.—General Rivera, the insurgent leader, who was captured in March last in the province of Pinar del Rio by the Spanish troops under General Herrandez de Velasco, and who was recently pardoned by a royal decree, has been released from the Cabanas fortress, where he had been imprisoned for several months, and sailed yesterday by the steamer Colon, for Cadiz, his home.

## BIG LOOT FOR CUBANS.

They Capture \$150,000 in Spanish Gold and Escape

BY MEANS OF BRIBERY THEY SECURE A GOLDEN TREASURE. THE CASIER MADE A BRAVE DEFENSE, BUT WAS FINALLY OVERPOWERED—THREE SPANIARDS WERE KILLED.

Havana, Dec. 11.—It appears now that the money captured at La Caimanera by the insurgents, and first reported to be \$40,000, is much more. Over \$200,000 had been deposited there to be distributed among the several Spanish battalions.

An official report was published yesterday in La Luche to the effect that two employees of the railway at Guantanamo had news of the amount of money at La Caimanera, and sent word of it to the insurgents. An insurgent agent went to Guantanamo and, with the help of the railway men, bribed a Spanish officer and sixteen volunteers, who formed the garrison of the main fort which protected the road.

According to the plan agreed on by the conspirators, when the insurgent forces appeared and approached, the fort was delivered to them. They left in the fort some twenty-five men and over 200 proceeded to La Caimanera and took possession of the wharf after a very slight resistance. Near the wharf was the building of the military administration, in which twelve iron chests were kept, containing the money of the regular troops around the place, besides the \$200,000 recently arrived. The insurgents invaded the building and killed the inspector of police and two civil guards, who tried to oppose them. The cashier made a desperate resistance. He fired the six shots of his revolver and made a brave fight with his sabre, barricading himself behind tables and chairs.

To him it is due that the insurgents could not take away all the chests. They seized three of them and left nine, though many of the latter they broke open, taking the gold inside and leaving the silver. The cashier was finally overpowered and fell to the ground seriously wounded by five blows of a mallet.

It is understood that the insurgents captured \$150,000 in gold, though the exact amount is hard to give. The officials here believe that a part of the booty was lost by the insurgents when they fled at the approach of the Spanish reinforcements. They hope to recover a part of the money believed to be scattered around the town. The two railway employees fled with the insurgents. In their retreat they had time to plunder a store in the neighborhood and secure more money and provisions.

### BIG PRICE PAID.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 11.—Billy Lakeland to-day closed a deal for the great horse Hamburg, a two-year-old owned by John Maddens. In the future it is said he will wear the colors of either the Keene, Belmont or Whitney stables. It is understood that \$60,000, was paid, which is the largest sum ever paid for a thoroughbred, with the exception of St. Blaise, who brought \$100,000.

### WILL EAT FRIED RATS.

Springfield, O., Dec. 11.—C. B. Buckley to-day beat the world's record at quail eating. He ate sixty quails at the rate of two a day for thirty days. Dr. Tanner ate forty-eight and then failed. Buckley says he feels as well as he ever did in his life, and he now offers to eat nine fried rats in eighteen days.

### PENSION BILL PASSED.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The House yesterday passed the pension appropriation bill without amendment, and adjourned until Monday. The amendments offered by the Democrats to correct alleged existing abuses were all ruled out on the point of order that they were new legislation. As passed, the bill carries \$11,263,880. The debate covered a wide range. It touched not only the question of our pension policy, but that of civil service reform and the receipts and expenditures of the Treasury under the Dingley bill.

### TIE CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 11.—In answer to Tommy West's challenge, Tommy Ryan said to-day: "I will meet West before the club offering the largest inducements, at 150 pounds, to weigh in at the ring side."

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## THE LIFE MORE ABUNDANT.

It Costs Something and You Will Not Pay the Price.

THEREFORE YOUR LIFE IS A FAILURE AND YOUR MINISTRY IS ALSO A FAILURE—DOST THOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THOU READEST?—BY V. D. DAVID, THE TAMIL EVANGELIST, OF INDIA.

WHAT IS THE LIFE MORE ABUNDANT

It is not "it." It is Himself—the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Life means "peace." "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1.) The life more abundant means "peace that passeth all understanding." "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your heart and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:7.) Life means "joy." The life more abundant means "joy unspeakable and full of glory." "In whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory." (1 Peter 1:8.) See the difference? All these things can be had in His own person—Jesus Christ Himself.

In His fullness he is like a Japanese box. At the first sight of the box you see a round ball, but there are many balls within. You open the first box, and you see another inside. You open this, and you will see another within. You will find so many boxes inside. But, after all, the Japanese box must come to an end; but the Lord Jesus Christ is a wonderful heavenly box, "in whom all fullness dwelleth." "For it pleased the Father, that in Him should all fullness dwell." (Col. 1:19.) "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (Col. 2:9.)

It is life—Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25.) He is strength—He is strong—"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song." (Isa. 12:2.)—He is peace. If I were to mention all the things one by one, the whole Bible is in Christ. Many have not found the secret of the abundant life. They go to meetings and frequently churches, but they do not go for this one person, Jesus Christ. They go for blessings, but do not go for the Blesser; they go for nuggets of gold, but do not go for the Gold Mine; they go for the fruits and flowers, but do not go for the Tree; they go for money, but do not go for the Banker.

But how can I express this life more abundant, the Lord Jesus? All fullness dwelleth in Him. Since all fullness is there, outside of Christ all is emptiness; you cannot find the same fullness in two places. Not only is he full, but he "fill-eth all in all." (Eph. 1:23.)

Eight years ago I found this life more abundant. For eleven years previously I was wandering in the wilderness, having possessed only the life in Christ. The abundant life means glorious life. "But the God of all Grace, who hath called us here unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus." (1 Peter 5:10.) "Victorious life—Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." (1 Cor. 2:14)—fruitful life—"Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." (John 15:16.)—strong life—"I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13.)—praising life—"In whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." (1 Peter 1:8.) Many more things I could say of this wonderful life, but I am not going to give full details of the life more abundant now; but I want to tell you.—all fullness is in Him. Those who have Him, have all; for everything is in Christ. "Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free, but Christ is all, and in all." (Col. 3:11.)

Now the next question is—

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL CONDITIONS.

Before you get this life more abundant, Three things are necessary: 1. Truth in the inward parts. "Behold thou desirest truth in the inward parts." (Psalm 51:6.)

You are attending many meetings, you continued on seventh page.

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